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Abstract

Diarylhaloethanes I (X = halo; R = H, R1; R1 = hydrocarbyl; m, n = 0-4) were heated in aliph. acids (or their salts) to give dehydrohalogenated rearranged products, dihydroxystilbenes II, which were O-acylated. Thus, stirring a mixt. (at 2%) anisole and chloroacetaldehyde with H₂SO₄-AcOH 1 h at $\leq 15^\circ$ gave quant. (4-MeOC₆H₄)₂CHCH₂Cl, which was treated with NaOAc-AcOH 4 h at 100 psig and 200 $^\circ$ gave 63% 4-MeOC₆H₄CH:CHC₆H₄OMe-4.